supervision of the PDS. However, no specific complaints have been received from the Government of Orissa or any other State Government regarding inferior quality sugar and rice being distributed through FPSs. Complaints about issue of stocks of inferior quality imported sugar for the PDS by the FCI was reported in December, 1994 by the Government of NCT of Delhi. FCI had replaced all the disputed bags of sugar. No other specific complaints about imported sugar or rice were received from any other State-UT.

Expansion of RPDS to Tribals in Kerala

1387. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has applied for expansion of RPDS to the tribals living outside ITDP blocks; and

(b) if so, the decision, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per present policy, only those Blocks which are covered under various area development programmes such as Desert Development programmes (DDP), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Designated Hill Areas (DHA) and Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDP) are covered under the Revaped Public Distribution System (RADS).

Procurement of Foodgrains from Punjab and Haryana

1388. SHRI PAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of foodgrains including rice procured from Punjab, Harayana and other wheat and paddy growing States so far during the current year;

(b) how does it compare with that of 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(c) the present storage capacity with Food Corporation of India;

(d) the quantity and value of wheat and rice lying in the open or without any shelter during the current rainy season;

(e) the quantity and value of foodgrains damaged by rains so far (State-wise) and how Government propose to dispose it of; and

(f) what remedial steps Government have taken or propose to take for the proteciton and preservation of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (f) Information is being colected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Gloomy Unemployment Scene

1389. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the "Indian Express" dated the 2nd May, 1995 about trade union unhappiness over mounting unemployment;

(b) whether Government have also seen the report which appeared in the "Hindu" dated the 7th February, 1994 captioned "Job will decline, says Pranab.

(c) whether Government have also seen the report which appeared in the "Statesman" of the 28th April, 1995 captioned "Anti-Labour attitude of Government irks Sangma"; and

(d) what is Government's reaction to this gloomy unemployment scene?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The employment strategy in the Eighth Five Year Plan has been

formulated as part of a medium term perspective of achieving the goal of near-full employment in 10 years, i.e. by the year 2002. About 19.6 million additional employment opportunities, or an average of 6.5 million per year, are estimated to have been generated during the first 3 years of the 8th Five Year Plan. The average annual increase in employment opportunities is less than the average of 8.5 million per annum envisaged in the 8th Plan, primarily due to the rate of growth of the economy during this period having been less than the rate of 5.6% per annum targetted in the 8th Plan. While no target of the rate of growth of job opportunities per annum has been fixed for the remaining years of the Plan, it is expected that as the rate of growth of the economy picks up in the coming years, the employment goals of the 8th Plan are likely to be achieved.

Requirement of coal by thermal plants

1390. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 14 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1995 and state:

(a) what is the expected requirement and supply of coal for plant load factor of thermal plants during the year 1995-96; and

(b) how Government propose to meet the demand of coal for the thermal plants during the year 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission has assessed the demand for coal for power sector for the year 1995-96 at 184.20 million tonnes. The Central Electricity Authority has however assessed the total requirement of power Utilities at 195 million tonnes.

The Coal Companies are geared up to meet the entire demand of coal as per the demand projections made by the Planning Commission subject to the transportation constraints and payment for coal supplies. The alternative of import is also now available to meet additional requirement of coal if any. The imports of coal if any, are to be made by the power stations themselves considerting their needs and exercising their own commercial judgement.

Tripartite Committees on Labour

1391. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had set up Tripartite Industrial Committees to go into the impact of the New Industrial Policy on labour;

(b) whether any revival plan has been formulated on the basis of deliberations of the Committees;

(c) if so, the detaisl for revival and rehabilitation plan of 14 sick PSUs indicating the allocations made therefor in addition to Rs. 2,005 crore scheme to revive the NTC;

(d) what further improvement in the industrial relations situation envisaged by Government since the announcement of New Industrial Policy; and

(e) the names of PSUs which have made settlement for the revision of wages and dearness allowance so far and benefits of interim relief given during 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(b) Revival proposals of sick CPSUs are formulated by the concerned administrative Ministries in consultation with Financial Institutions, State Governments and other agencies including the Tripartite Committees/ Trade Unions.

(c) The revival proposals of sick CPSUs are placed before the Group of Ministers for deciding the stand to be taken by the Government in a proceeding